

### REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the application, with claims 5, 10, 13, 18, 23, 29 and 34 being independent. Each of claims 5, 10, 13, 18, 23, 29 and 34 has been amended to recited that an EL driving power source is connected to a voltage changer. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, in Fig. 1, which shows an EL driving power source 2009 connected to a voltage changer 2010. No new matter has been added.

Claims 5, 7-10, 12-15, 17-20, 22-26, 28-31, 33-37 and 39 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Kim (U.S. Patent 6,265,833) in view of Yamada (U.S. Patent 5,990,629). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because neither Kim, Yamada, nor any combination of the two describes or suggests connecting an EL driving power source to a voltage changer, as recited in each of the amended independent claims. While the action contends that Kim's driver 4 corresponds to the recited voltage changer, Kim's driver 4 is not connected to an EL driving power source. Moreover, nothing in Kim or Yamada would have led one of ordinary skill in the art to connect Kim's driver 4 to an EL driving power source.

Dependent claims 6, 11, 16, 21, 27, 32 and 38 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Kim in view of Yamada and Poulton. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Poulton does not remedy the failure of Kim and Yamada to describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.


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